

Remarks

In the Office action dated February 2, 2005, a Restriction Requirement was placed on the application, requiring election of one of the following species for prosecution under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

Group I: Claims 1-12

Group II: Claims 13-20

Group III: 21-30

Applicant hereby elects Group I without traverse, and has accordingly amended the claims to conform to the election. However, Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the preliminary amendment file June 18, 2004 adding new claims. As such, the elected claims should include claims 1-12, as well as claims 31-34.

Applicant further has amended claims 1 and 7.

Based on the foregoing comments, the above-identified application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is courteously solicited. If any further amendment is necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable condition, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact the undersigned by fax or telephone at the number listed below.


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